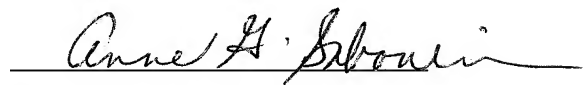


**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the preliminary amendment, claims 1–18 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to comport with U.S. Patent Office regulations. Examination of the claims is respectfully requested.

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